

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The priority sequence in a control of adjusting the drive power with respect to a vehicle drive power request
5 is set in the sequence of: (1) an engine output increase,
(2) a motor output increase, and (3) a gear speed change in
a gear ratio increasing direction. More specifically, a
gear speed of a least gear ratio is selected within such a
range that an engine revolution speed higher than or equal
10 to a predetermined lower limit revolution speed is
attainable. A requested drive power is achieved singly by
an engine output with the gear speed selected. When the
requested drive power is not achievable singly by the
engine output, the requested drive power is achieved by the
15 engine output and a motor output. When the requested drive
power is not achievable by the engine output and the motor
output, the gear speed is changed in a gear ratio
increasing direction.

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